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The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued by the Office on January 20, 2011 was improper. It is hereby vacated in favor of the below.

Newly submitted claims 1, 7-11 and 14-15 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: A secondarily formed product obtained from machining is a different invention than a stock shape for machining. The inventions listed as elected claims 1, 3-11 and 14-15 and the recently amended claims do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Claim 1 is either obvious over or anticipated by Nishihata et al. (WO 00/343369). Accordingly, the special technical feature linking the inventions, a solidified extruded product of a resin composition comprising (A), (B) and (C), does not provide a contribution over the prior art, and no single general inventive concept exists. Therefore, restriction is appropriate. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, amended claims 1, 7-11 and 14-15 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

The amendment filed on November 5, 2010, canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because A secondarily formed product obtained from machining is a different invention than a stock shape for machining. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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